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1. ANDREW KNIGHT TELEPHONED FROM LONDON TODAY TO EXPRESS PROFOUND REGRET FOR FINAL PARAGRAPH OF APRIL 17 EDITORIAL. HE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY WHEN BEEDHAM WROTE THE PIECE AND KNIGHT DID NOT SEE IT UNTIL MANY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION. KNIGHT IS PLANNING TO ANSWER YOUR LETTER WITH FORMAL LETTER OF APOLOGY, THOUGH HE RECOGNIZES THIS WILL NOT UNDO DAMAGE, INCLUDING TO ECONOMIST'S OWN REPUTATION. KNIGHT'S ANSWER MAY ALSO CONTAIN REBUTTALS TO SUBSTANTIVE POINTS OF YOUR LETTER. IN THE SAME PHONE CALL, KNIGHT EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT SCURRILOUS RECENT ISSUE OF ECONOMIST'S PRIVATELY CIRCULATED FOREIGN REPORT WHICH USED HUMAN EVENTS-TYPE MATERIAL TO ATTACK YOU AND ME. THIS NEWSLETTER IS WRITTEN BY AMBITIOUS AND UNSCRUPULOUS FREELANCER WITH INTIMATE CONTACTS WITH ZUMWALT ET AL. BASIC PROBLEM WITH ECONOMIST EVIDENTLY IS SLACKNESS OF EDITORIAL

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